

ON THE PARIS CHANGE.

A Place Among the Seventy Costs About Three Million Francs.

It may be said that a seat among the seventy (they call it a charge) costs about 3,000,000 francs (\$600,000) or sometimes 2,500,000, and a charge earns from 5 to 15 per cent (net) a year, so that the annual profits are from \$30,000 to \$90,000, or more in exceptional years. But these are usually divided among several associates, for it rarely happens that an agent is the sole owner of his seat. More often he has paid for only half of it or a third of it and has three or four silent partners, who own the rest and who may again have subpartners, so that you will hear of a person owning an eighth or a sixteenth of a seat or even a thirty-second, these being simple investments that carry no rights or privileges on the bourse.

As to procuring a charge, the thing has none of the Stock Exchange simplicity, where the main requirement for getting a seat is to be able to pay for it. Here a candidate must be a Frenchman and at least twenty-five years old. He must have served four years in certain forms of business. He must be personally acceptable to the agent from whom he would purchase the seat and often to his family, including the ladies. He must be passed upon by the seventy with formal voting, as if he were joining some select club, which he is. There must be no stain on his business record and no slur on his personal character. A candidate was rejected recently for bad habits and another for no fault of his own, but because his brother had been concerned in questionable transactions. With all this favorably settled there is still needed the approval of the minister of finances and the sanction of the head of the government—Cleveland Moffett in Century.

A RICH GOLD MINE.

For Several Years Eager Fortune Seekers Worried Over It.

A tale is told of a rich gold mine in Idaho with a ledge of ore which once extended above the surface of the ground in a clear, solid ridge several feet high and entirely distinct from the surrounding formation. This ledge was long and unbroken and lay directly across the course which hundreds of prospectors took every year to reach other gold fields. This obstruction of rock, the great value of which was long unknown, was too high to be surmounted by pack animals, so the prospectors cut a trail directly through it. For several years these eager gold seekers passed backward and forward over this trail in search of gold mines. One night a prospector camping near this ledge of rock picked up a bit of it and from force of habit took it to a creek near by and washed it. Then he examined the stone, and, to his great astonishment, he found "colors" in it—bits of sparkling gold. The prospector does not mistake gold when he sees it. He is not deluded by iron crystals or bits of mica, as the "tenderfoot" frequently is. The gold sparkle is clearer and brighter than that of any other mineral, and it is the same in sunshine and shadow.

The prospector, tremendously excited, broke off more pieces of the ledge and found more of it bearing free gold. Then he located his claim, and that was the beginning of a rich mine. Yet for years the sagacious prospectors had passed over this trail through the cut in this ledge, never suspecting its value, although by its very prominence it seemed to invite inspection.—Leslie's Weekly.

An Italian Brigand's Horse.

Among south Italian brigands even their horses are taught to resist the officers of the law. During the encounter at Rana Bucca, in which the brigand Mirto was killed, the gendarmier was amazed by the furious behavior of his horse, which lashed out on all sides, and succeeded in injuring one of the officers. On inquiry afterward among the prisoners taken it was ascertained that the horse had been trained to behave in this way by being repeatedly flogged until he kicked one of the brigands, dressed as a carabinieri, approaching him. The horse at last became such an adept that he might be relied upon to kick and rear furiously at the mere sight of a uniform.—London Globe.

Rough on the Lawyers.

They have a way of settling lawsuits in India that it would be well to copy here, according to the Springfield Republican. When a dispute arises over the ownership of land two holes are dug near together and the two opposing lawyers nicely planted up to their waists. The first one to become bitten by a bug or becomes so exhausted that he has to be exhorted loses the case for his client. This does away with unnecessary talking and adds an interesting element of chance to the game.

Scott Was Rated as a Duncie.

As a boy Walter Scott gave few indications of his coming greatness and was described by one of his early preceptors as "the boy that has the thickest skull in the school." Afterward at Edinburgh university the future "wizard" was thus epitomized by one of the leading professors: "Duncie he is, and duncie he will remain."

Seldom Saw Him.

Nell—She said she had to marry him to get rid of him. Belle—And how did it work? Nell—Splendidly. You see, he belongs to six clubs.—Philadelphia Record.

If the world would only give a man credit while he is doing things there would be more incentive to those who hustle.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

I have some fine lots in Morrow Place yet. H. H. Lanham.

NORMAL SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Many Interesting and Entertaining Exercises.

JUNIOR PROGRAM AND BACCALAUREATE DAY

Class Officers.

Teresa C. Petty—President.
Ethel Crim—Secretary.
Lyceum Reunion and Banquet.
The Lyceum people are preparing for great events at their reunion and banquet which is to be held on Tuesday evening. Rev. Francis Clark, one of the founders of the society will address the society and friends at the Normal Auditorium, after which those holding banquet tickets will go to the Manley Hotel for the banquet. Persons desiring to attend and who have not purchased banquet tickets will see one of the committee: Oliver Shurtleff, Frank Haymond, Miss Rena Crow or Miss Zoe Wade.

The Remainder of the Exercises.
June 14—Mozart Program, Monday evening.
June 14—Senior Class Day Program, Tuesday Morning.
June 14—Lyceum Program, Tuesday Evening.
(Address by Rev. Clark, Class of '72).
June 15—Commencement Address, Wednesday Morning, Dr. Scovill.
June 15—Art Exhibit.
June 15—Alumni Meeting, Wednesday Afternoon.
June 15—Alumni Banquet, Wednesday evening.

OPENING PARLIAMENT.

The Pomp With Which It Was Done by Queen Victoria.

The trumpets sound! The queen approaches! The trumpet continues, and first enter at a side door close at my elbow the college of heralds richly dressed, slowly, two and two. Then the great officers of the household, then the lord chancellor bearing purse, seal and speech of the queen, with the mace bearers before him. Then Lord Lansdowne with the crown, the Earl of Zetland with the cap of maintenance and the Duke of Wellington with the sword of state. Then Prince Albert, leading the queen, followed by the Duchess of Sutherland, mistress of the robes, and the Marchioness of Douro, daughter-in-law of the Duke of Wellington, who is one of the ladies in waiting. The queen and prince sit down, while everybody else remains standing. The queen then says in a voice most clear and sweet, "My lords (rolling the R), be seated." Upon which the peers sit down, except those who enter with the queen, who group themselves about the throne in the most picturesque manner. The queen had a crown of diamonds, with splendid necklace and stomacher of the same. The Duchess of Sutherland close by her side with her ducal coronet of diamonds and a little back Lady Douro, also with her coronet. On the right of the throne stood the lord chancellor, with scarlet robe and flowing wig, holding the speech, surrounded by the emblems of his office; a little farther, one step lower down, Lord Lansdowne, holding the crown on a crimson velvet cushion, and on the left the Duke of Wellington, brandishing the sword of state in the air, with the Earl of Zetland by his side. The queen's train of royal purple, or, rather, deep crimson, was borne by many train bearers. The whole scene seemed to me like a dream or a vision. After a few minutes the lord chancellor came forward and presented the speech to the queen. She read it sitting and most exquisitely. Her voice is flute-like and her whole emphasis decided and intelligent. Very soon after the speech is finished she leaves the house, and we all follow as soon as we can get our carriages.—Mrs. George Bancroft in Scribner's.

SOME WOMEN—

Pose in public and do it in an exceedingly clumsy way.
Carry on a conversation in a tone that savors of scolding.
Show a spirit of happiness on the smallest possible capital.
Lose the regard of men by being too exacting in their demands.
Have an idea men constantly are trying to attract their attention.
Use terms of endearment which convey neither sense nor meaning.
Impart a flavor of comfort to everything of which they are a part.
Want the world to regard them as an authority on all social questions.
Talk so much about loves of the past that there is a suspicion of boasting.
Have a manner about them that is positively exasperating.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Many Sudden Deaths on Sunday.

"Did you ever notice there are more sudden deaths in Philadelphia on a Sunday than any other day in the week?" remarked a policeman. "It is true, and the records prove it. The police book in the electrical bureau in the city hall contains this record. Sometimes the fatalities of this nature are double the number of any other day. How do I account for it?" I simply hazard a guess or two. It may be that folks eat more on Sunday, and this fact gravitates certain ailments to the city hall. For the acute attacks of heart disease, for instance, are more frequent on Sunday. I have seen one physician's list of deaths on Sunday.

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Delegates Cost \$10,000 Each. (Louisville Courier Journal.)

Mr. Hearst, it is said, saw some weeks or perhaps months ago that he was conducting a losing fight at an enormous cost, but kept things going until after California had given indorsement and instructions, as he wanted to have the support of his native State, and know that his name would be presented to the convention by the delegation from that State. After that he began promptly to shut down. His general headquarters in New York have been closed for several

weeks, as have the Chicago and St. Louis headquarters; at least, the statement is made that Mr. Hearst is not "putting up the dough" for their maintenance. It is estimated that the Hearst propaganda has cost at least a cool million and a half dollars, and representing this outlay it is probable that he will not have to exceed 150 votes in the National convention. Each one of the delegates accredited to him will thus be a \$10,000 prize beauty, and together they will form the most expensive aggregation of politicians who ever attended a convention.